

Order 2003-3-8
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 12th day of March, 2003

Essential Air Service at

CAPE YAKATAGA, ALASKA
ICY BAY, ALASKA

under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Docket OST-1996-2009

ORDER EXTENDING RATE

Summary

By this order, we are extending the rate for Gulf Air Taxi, established by Department Order 2001-1-15, and amended by Department Order 2002-2-13, for the provision of essential air service at Cape Yakataga and Icy Bay, Alaska, for the period November 1, 2002, through February 2, 2003.

Background

By Order 2001-1-15 issued January 19, 2001, the Department established a final subsidy rate for Gulf Air Taxi, Inc., for the provision of scheduled air service under the Essential Air Service program at Cape Yakataga and Icy Bay, Alaska. That rate was later amended by Order 2002-2-13, issued February 15, 2002, and expired on October 31, 2002. The carrier has not been compensated for services provided at Cape Yakataga or Icy Bay after that date.

By Order 2002-12-26, issued December 31, 2002, the Department selected Cordova Air Service, Inc., to replace Gulf Air Taxi at these communities. In accordance with that order, Cordova Air Service replaced Gulf Air Taxi on February 3, 2003.

Consequently, it is necessary for us to extend Gulf Air's rate for the period from November 1, 2002, through February 2, 2003.

This order is issued under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.56(a)(f).

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We extend the subsidy rate for Gulf Air Taxi, Inc., for the provision of essential air service at Cape Yakataga and Icy Bay, Alaska, established by Order 2001-1-15 and amended by Order 2002-2-13, for the period November 1, 2002, through February 2, 2003;
2. We direct Gulf Air Taxi, Inc., to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;
3. This docket will remain open until further Department order; and
4. We will serve a copy of this order on the civic officials of Cape Yakataga and Icy Bay, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, and Gulf Air Taxi.

By:

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Assistant Secretary for Aviation
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